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SUBJECT: W/W- ROSEMARY, JANICE, JOY AND JILL GARCIA

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1. POST WOULD APPRECIATE COPY OF REFTEL C, AND CALLS DEPT'S ATTENTION TO FACT THAT GARCIA CLAN IS IN PANAMA, NOT COLOMBIA AND THAT JILL, NOT JANICE GARCIA IS PRESENTLY IN PANAMA CITY. (REFTEL B). NOTE THAT SUBSISTENCE REQUIRED FOR JILL GARCIA. SUBSISTENCE COMMENCED ON 7 OCT 77.

2. ON 18 OCT 77 A NURSE FROM PUERTO OBALDIA ARRIVED AT THE EMBASSY WITH A LETTER FROM THE THREE REMAINING SISTERS.(ROSEMARY, JANICE AND JOY) IN THE LETTER THEY REPORT THE ARRIVAL OF A CANADIAN QUOTE BROTHER END QUOTE NAMED JAMES DOUGLAS DURE. HE IS SAID TO HAVE A VISA AND 120 DOLLARS. (MR. DURE'S POSSIBLE DETENTION HAS BEEN REPORTED TO THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN PANAMA.) THE REMAINDER OF THE LETTER IS A DEMAND THAT THEY BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE THROUGH PANAMA NORTH TO THE UNITED STATES. THEY ALSO REQUEST THAT A USAF PLANE OR HELICOPTER BE SENT TO PICK THEM UP.

3. THE CONTENTS OF THE LETTER HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED WITH PANAMANIAN AUTHORITIES WHO POINT OUT THAT THEIR REGULATIONS REQUIRE
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A VISA OR TOURIST CARD FOR ADMISSION AND A MINIMUM OF 150 DOLLARS PER PERSON. EMBASSY HAS SUGGESTED THAT GARCIAS BE PERMITTED TO BUY OWN TICKETS (25 DOLLARS) TO TRAVEL TO PANAMA CITY AS A SOLUTION OF THE PRESENT SITUATION IMPOSSIBLE AS LONG AS GARCIAS REMAIN IN PUERTO OBALDIA. REACTION WAS FAVORABLE AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT GARCIAS MAY ARRIVE MORNING OF 21 OCT, NEXT SCHEDULED FLIGHT.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTS ANY AND ALL GUIDANCE POSSIBLE FROM DEPT. AS MENTIONED IN REFTAL A, IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT GARCIAS WILL PERMIT CONTACT WITH FAMILY OR FRIENDS IN US, JILL GARCIA, AGE 14, STRENUOUSLY REFUSED TO DIVULGE ANY INFO ON FAMILY WHEN QUESTION AT LENGTH BY CONOFF. JILL INSISTED THAT THERE WAS NO ONE WHO COULD HELP. EMBASSY IS CONCERNED THAT GARCIAS WILL NOT REQUEST REPATRIATION, BUT RATHER DEMAND MONEY TO CONTINUE THEIR OVERLAND TRAVELS TO COSTA RICA. PANAMANIANIANS HAVE INDICATED THAT THE GARCIAS WILL, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES, BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE OVERLAND. FURTHER, IT IS CERTAIN THAT JILL GARCIA, SIGNED PROMISSORY NOTE NOT WITHSTANDING, WILL REFUSE REPATRIATION IF THE OTHERS DO NOT REQUEST IT. IF THE GARCIAS REFUSE REPATRIATION, IS ANY OTHER FORM OF ACTION PROPRIATE? EMBASSY IS AWARE OF GUIDELINES IN 7 FAM 301.3.

5. REFTEL A STATES THAT ROSEMARY IS MOTHER OF JOY, JILL AND JANICE. JILL GARCIA, HOWEVER, INSISTS THAT ROSEMARY IS SISTER AND THAT PARENTS ARE POSSIBLY DEAD. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT. CLARIFICATION OF THIS POINT.

6. AS JILL GARCIA HAS SIGNED PROMISSORY NOTE, CAN PASSPORT IN WHICH SHE IS INCLUDED BE LIMITED FOR DIRECT RETURN ONLY? IF NOT, CAN PPT BE AMENDED SO THAT JILL MAY USE IT ONLY FOR TRAVEL TO US?

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